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SUBJ: US RESIDUAL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND--AIT

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1. WE ARE SUBMITTING SEPTEL THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT ON AIT ON WHICH WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE RTG. CONCURRENTLY WE HAVE RECEIVED STATE 177353 WITH WHAT ARE DESCRIBED AS AMENDMENTS TO AN EARLIER DRAFT BUT WHICH AMOUNT TO VERY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. I SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IT IS VERY UNSATISFACTORY TO BE NEGOTIATING ONE DOCUMENT WITH THE THAI AND AFTER LONG DELAYS TO HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS PREPARED IN WASHINGTON.

2. THE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE PROPOSED IN STATE 177353 IS PARA 2 WHICH PRESCRIBES IN GREAT DETAIL THE DECISIONS WHICH WE WILL REQUIRE THE THAI TO MAKE WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME FRAME WITH REGARD TO PURCHASE OF THE AIT. I BELIEVE THESE DETAILS SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER OUR PREVIOUS POSITION AND WILL MOVE US A GIANT STEP AWAY

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FROM AGREEMENT. AS REPORTED IN BANGKOK 17152, I SUBMITTED OUR

REQUIREMENTS TO FONMIN PHICHLAI IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 142282
ON JUNE 11TH. I MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS THE MINIMUM U.S.
POSITION AND THAT THE THAI WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO PURCHASE THIS
AMMUNITION IN INCREMENTS OVER A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME (I.E.
3 YEARS). NOW I AM ASKED TO ADVANCE A NEW POSITION WHICH IS
RADICALLY DIFFERENT AND FAR MORE RESTRICTIVE. I BELIEVE IT IS
ESSENTIAL THAT THIS PORTION OF THE DRAFT BE WITHDRAWN AND THAT
THE EXISTING U.S./THAI DRAFT BE ACCEPTED RATHER THAN THE REDRAFT
WHICH HAS BEEN SENT US.

3. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAIN-
TENANCE, ACCOUNTING AND SURVEILLANCE WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO
NEGOTIATE AS PARA 13 OF THE WASHINGTON DRAFT AFFIRMS THAT THESE
ARE USG RESPONSIBILITIES, THUS UNDERCUTTING PARA 6 WHICH REQUIRES
THE RTG TO BEAR THE COSTS. I AM AFRAID WE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH
WAYS AND AM CONVINCED THAT OUR EXISTING DRAFT ADEQUATELY COVERS
THIS PROBLEM.

4. THE AID IS A SERIOUS MATTER WHICH WE AND THE RTG ARE TRYING
TO HANDLE RESPONSIBLY BUT I BELIEVE IT IS A MISTAKE TO HAVE
THESE AGREEMENTS BECOME TOO ELABORATE AND THAT IT IS ABSURD TO
EXPECT THE RTG TO DECIDE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS WHAT THEY WILL BUY
OVER THE THREE YEAR PERIOD. OUR EARLIER MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION
REALISTICALLY TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE THAI CANNOT
TODAY DETERMINE HOW MUCH TO BUY. IF THE SITUATION IN THIS PART
OF THE WORLD COOLS DOWN IN THE NEXT MONTHS, THEIR PERCEPTION
OF THEIR AMMO NEED WILL BE REDUCED. IF TENSION WITH HANOI
REMAINS HIGH, THEY WILL WANT MORE, BUT I FAIL TO SEE WHY WE
HAVE TO HAVE THIS DECISION MADE IN SUCH HASTE.

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